I am writing this letter because I am concerned about the proposed Business Opportunity Rule R511993. I believe the way it is presented at this time could prevent me from continuing my home business and destroy my opportunity to work my home business.

I have had my home business for 5 years. I originally started my using my product because of health concerns. I also found that there was a chance to improve my income and insure financial security for my retirement years, which are fast approaching. Please do not destroy my opportunity of supplementing my Social Security and allowing me to live above the poverty level.

Some of the sections in the proposed rule would make it hard or almost impossible for me to sell my product.

The waiting period would give the public the idea that there is something wrong with my business or me and would reflect badly on my decision to have a home business. I also think the 7-day waiting period is unnecessary because my company already has a 90% buyback policy for all products including sale kits purchased by anyone wanting to work the business. One of the most difficult sections in the proposed rule is the 7-day waiting period to enroll a new customer or distributor who is interested in building a home business. People buy TVs, cars, and other items that cost much more than that and they do not have to wait 7 days. Under this waiting period requirement, I will have to keep very detailed records when I first speak to someone and will then have to send in reports to my company. I am a small home business and this burden will hurt and or destroy my business.

Finally, the proposed rule requires the disclosure of a minimum of 10 prior purchasers nearest to the perspective purchaser. I am glad to provide reference, but in this day of identity theft, I am very uncomfortable giving out personal information of individuals without their approval. Woman in my organization may be subject to sexual or racial harassment this part cannot go in at all, unless the FTC passes an addition to this rule prohibiting sexual or racial attacks related to this disclosure. In the end, the rule must bind the FTC to take direct enforcement action on sexual and racial attacks with a special unit assigned to monitor actions related to the disclosure forms.

I have seen many scams on the Internet and have been approached by many scammers. This rule will do nothing to stop them. They hurt my business. This rule will not stop crooks; they violated the current rule all the time. This rule will hurt the honest home business people like myself.

Sincerely,

Sharon & Ray Ryan